

Amendments to House Bill No. 156
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Requested by Representative Mike Miller

For the House Taxation Committee

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1. Page 1, line 7.

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Insert: "WHEREAS, Montana industries are required to install certain air and water pollution control equipment to comply with state and federal standards as a result of recent regulatory action, including but not limited to:

- (1) the Clean Air Mercury Rule;
- (2) the Revised Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards Regional Haze Rule;
- (3) the Clean Air Interstate Rule;
- (4) the Nitrogen Oxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
- (5) the Sulfur Dioxide Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
- (6) Coal Combustion Byproducts Management;
- (7) the Cooling Water Intakes 316(b) Rule;
- (8) the Hazardous Air Pollutants Maximum Achievable Control Technology Rule;
- (9) the Particulate Matter 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
- (10) the Effluent Guidelines for Coal-Fired Electrical Generating Units;
- (11) the Sulfur Dioxide/Nitrogen Oxide Secondary National Ambient Air Quality Standards;
- (12) the Particulate Matter 2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards Designations;
- (13) the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act standards for management of coal combustion residuals;
- (14) the Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards for industrial boilers;
- (15) the New Source Performance Standards and Emission Guidelines for Large Municipal Waste Combustors;
- (16) the Standards of Performance for Grain Elevators National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants;
- (17) the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards Revision Final Coal Combustion Byproducts Rule;
- (18) the Clean Air Interstate Replacement Rule;
- (19) the Stationary Compression Ignition Engine New Source Performance Standards;
- (20) the Clean Power Rule;

- (21) the Cooling Water Intakes 316(b) Compliance;
- (22) the Numeric Nutrient Criteria;
- (23) the Hazardous Air Pollutants Maximum Achievable Control Technology Compliance;
- (24) Clean Air Interstate Rule Phase II for Sulfur Dioxide and Nitrogen Oxide;
- (25) the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry Renewable Fuels Standards;
- (26) the Tier 3 Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards;
- (27) the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards to 65 Parts Per Billion; and
- (28) the planned Environmental Protection Agency regulation of methane emissions for oil and natural gas industry;
- (29) Total Maximum Daily Loads; and
- (30) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, including stormwater discharge.

WHEREAS, compliance with these regulations requires investments of hundreds of millions of dollars and ultimately impacts consumers; and

WHEREAS, technologies to comply with these regulations are often unproven or not commercially or economically available; and

WHEREAS, many of these regulations address important protections for public health, yet others, such as the Regional Haze Rule, address issues such as visibility; and

WHEREAS, many of these regulations require installation of pollution control technologies that decrease the efficiency of existing equipment at industrial facilities; and

WHEREAS, reduced tax rates for pollution control equipment will improve public health by providing an incentive for early compliance when possible and ultimately making regulatory compliance more affordable;

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Montana finds that it is appropriate to exempt certain air and water pollution control equipment and carbon sequestration equipment from property taxes."

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